

Strongly urge the broadcast of local weather and traffic information be protected from the big-money efforts of the NAB to quash it. There is no public-interest justification for legislation to prevent satellite radio services from broadcasting such information.

Traffic and weather services from terrestrial radio have become nearly useless as the very limited amount of air time budgeted for them has become more and more used for commercials, thus limiting what information that is passed to just the "big lumps." Satellite weather and traffic service is just about the only source of traffic information for commuters going to and from all directions within major metropolitan areas. You get the "big lumps" from NAB members, but you don't get what you need to traverse your usual route of travel. Satellite radio gives the commuter the big picture.

Business travel is mightily aided by the satellite traffic and radio service. While in Washington metro area, a traveler can check the traffic and weather for his destination, and will get detail useful to the completion of his trip.